### MUNICIPAL UPHEAVALS.

THREE COMMISSIONERS OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION APPOINTED. COMMISSIONERS STERN AND BOWEN REMOVED BY

THE MAYOR-TOWNSEND COX, EDWARD I. DON-WELLY, AND ISAAC H. BAILEY APPOINTED IN THEIR PLACE - TWO OF THE COMMISSIONERS NAMED BY THE MAYOR-ELECT-MORE CHANGES

After the death of the late Mayor Havemeyer it was discovered by his successor, Mayor Vance, that Gov. Dix had instituted an inquiry into the conduct of the Charity Commissioners, principally regarding their treatment of William M. Tweed, consigned to their care as a convict. Mayor Havemeyer called the attention of "e Commissioners to the communication of the 'nor. The new Mayor demanded a reply to the inquiry of Gov. Dix. Mr. Laimbeer, one of the Commissioners, at once resigned, in a letter throwing the responsibility for the treatment of Mr. Tweed or the other two Commissioners, James Bowen and Myer Stern, at the same time charging that Tweed might at any moment make his escape. Mr. Stern and Mr. Bowen gave explanations of their action in the matter, which do not appear to have been satisfactory. The Mayor, with the Governor's approval, removed them yesterday without further investigation, and accepted the resignation of Mr. Laimbeer. Late yesterday afternoon Mayor Vance, after consulting with Mayorelect Wickham as to the two Democrats named, made appointments to fill the vacancies. The new Commissioners are Townsend Cox, Edward L. Donnelly, and Isaac H. Bailey. Mr. Bailey has the longest term-until May 1, 1879. The removal of the Pire Commissioners will probably follow in a few days.

THE MAYOR'S GROUNDS OF ACTION. MIS LETTER TO GOV. DIX-LENIENCY TO TWEED AND ILLEGAL CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES THE MAIN CHARGES AGAINST COMMISSIONERS STERN AND BOWEN-THE CORRESPONDENCE WITH MAYOR WICKHAM.

The following are the official documents relating to the removal of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction and the appointment of their successors: New-York, Dec. 22, 1874.

Ris Excellency John A. Dix, Governor of the State of

New-lork.
Sig.: I transmit to you berewith my certificate of reproval of James Bowen and Myer Stern from the officeof Commissioners of Charities and Correction of the
City of New York. The cause of removal is, as stated in
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the certificate, criminal violation of diffy on the part of maid Commissioners. My reasons for tails removal are so follows:

First: In November, 1873, William M. Tweed was convited in the Count of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the City and County of New York, of a misdemeanor, and sentenced for a term of improniment in the Petritentiary on Blackwell's Island. This prison is under the care of the Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction. A few days after Tweed was transferred to the Penticuttary he was permitted to put aside the prison dress, which all other prisoners were compelled to wear, and to dress in ordinary clothing. The prison dress, which all other prisoners were compelled to wear, and to dress in ordinary clothing. The prison dress he has not since worn. He is allowed the use of a room not in the prison proper, situated above the main entrance one staft up. This room he has furmished aimost entirely at his own expense. He is not confined to his room, being at liberty to leave it through the day when he pleases. He performs no duty, is in excellent health, requires no medical attendance, none of the prison physicians having visited him for the last four montas. He walks in the grounds surrounding the prison without restraint. He does not receive his meats as other prisoners, but at the residence of the Warden, which is about a quarter of a mile distant from the prison, and to the Warden's residence Tweed goes three times each day at the usual meal hours. He takes these walks alone or in company of a keeper. He is permitted to receive all visitors decreases to him at all hours of the day, and with whom he passes considerable time. In short, Tweed is not treated as a prisoner, but as a guest, necessitated through force of circumstances to pass some time on the teinind, the officials of which are determined to make his stay among them as pleasant and agreeable as possible. The Commissioner principally responsible for this crimming violation of duty is Myer Stern. It was on through force of circumstances to pass some time on the island, the officials of which are determined to make his stay among them as pleasant and agreeable as pessible. The Commissioner principally responsible for this crimnal violation of daty is Myer Stern. It was on his instructions Tweed was allowed to put asde the prison dress and to wear ordinary cloting; and all the indukences enjoyed by Tweed have been allowed with the sanction of Mr. Stera. I do not consider it necessary to determine whether these indukences are been purchased by Tweed, or whether they have been extended to him for other considerations. I am. however, of opinion, on a review of the evideace, that Tweed pays for the privileges he is allowed. Wintever the arrangements were which secored to Tweed these privileges, Mr. Stern was a party thereto. Mr. Bowen informed me that he has not seen Tweed slice the latter was sent to Blackwell's Island. This I have no doubt is correct, but I cannot see how Mr. Bowen is thereby reheved from the responsibilities which rest upon him. In this matter of Tweed, the omission by Mr. Bowen to act was a criminal violation of his duty. The subject was repeatedly brought officially to the notice of Mr. Bowen, but he omits to ascertain for himself the facts and remedy the matter complained of. He sustains by his vote and action Mr. Stero, and I cannot therefore reheve him from responsibility. I consider the acts of both Commissioners were a criminal violation of daty on their part, for which they ought to be removed from office.

Second: In the administration of the affects of the Department of Public Coarties and Corrector there have been repeated violations of the provisions of haw in purchasing the supplies required by the Department, the particulars of Accounts, on Aug. 27, how on the in this office. The restrictions of haw as to purchasing supplies were discretized, and the books of he Department at the facts and the books of the

the particulars of which are set forth in a report made by the Commissioners of Accounts, on Aug. 27, how on the in this office. The restrictions of law as to purchasing supplies were disregarded, and the books of the Department autered for the purpose of deception. Purchases exceeding \$1.00 in value were repeatedly made, the bills altered so as to represent purchases under \$1.00), and entries made on the books of the Department corresponding to the alterations. These transactions were to the prejudice of the city. The prices for supplies exceeded what they could have been purchased for, and in one transaction alone, where Myer Serin purchased soots through a rentitive of member of his family, the relative, on a purchase of \$1.847 93, received a commission of \$1.847 93, received a commission of \$1.847 93, received a commission of persistently followed in the Department, as to the parchase of supplies, I know that, in one instance at least, a merchant was only allowed the custom of the Department after he had seen a son of Myer Stero, and, through a middle-man, had agreed to pay such inidule-man five per cent on the purchases made; and that after some time the purchases were discontinued, because the merchant would not increase has price for the goods and pay corresponding with such increase a corresponding increase of commissioners, in on not say that these or such like transactions were known to the Commissioners, in the first ansatished that it is a result of the illegal system which has been adopted and continued by the Commissioners. The action of the Commissioners, in violation of law, in relation to the nurchase of supplies, I consider in its effect a criminal violation of duty on the part of the Commissioners, requiring their removal from office. Very respectivity.

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THE GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.

Whereas, The Mayor of the City of New-York having removed James Bowen and Myer Stern from the office of Commissioners of Public Charities and Correction after allowing them an opportunity to be heard as required by law, and the said Mayor having submitted to me his reasons for such removal; it is ordered, that the removal of the said Commissioners be, and is hereby approved.

JOHN A. DIX.

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THE INVITATION TO MR. WICKHAM.

NEW-YORK, Der. 23, 1874.

Hon. WM. H. WICKHAM—MY DEAR SIR: In the discharge of the duties of the office I have the honor to hold. I have found it necessary to remove James Bowen and Myer Stern, Commissioners of Public Cuarties and Correction. William Laimbeer, the third Commissioner, has resigned, and his resignation is part of the records of this office. Considering the circumstances under which I was so unexpectedly called upon to occupy the position of Chief Magistrate of the city, the near approach of the expiration of the term I have to serve, and recognizing the fact that you are the elected of the position of Chief Magistrate of the city, the near approach of the expiration of the term I have to serve, and recognizing the fact that you are the elected of the people to succeed me in the Mayoralty, and responsible under the law for the future government of the city, it is, is my opinion, due to you, not only that I should consult you as to the Commissioners who should be appointed, but that you should name the persons to be appointed, but that you should name the persons to be appointed in the place of those removed. I will appoint the successor to Mr. Laimbeer, resigned, and on your memination I will appoint the successor to Mr. Bowen and Mr. Stern. I will be glad to see you and arrange as to this matter in the course of the day, as it is exceedingly desirable that the gentlemen to be appointed should ester upon their duties without any delay. Very respectfully,

MR. WICKHAM'S NOMINATIONS.

The Hon. S. B. H. VANCE, Mayor, etc.—MT DEAR SIR: Acknowledging your favor of this date, and fully appreciating this additional evidence of your confidence, I beg leave herewith to suggest to you for appointment to be Commissioners of Charities and Correction, Edward L. Donnelly of No. 369 West Twenty-third-st., in place of Myer Stern, removed, Very respectfully yours, W. H. WICKHAM.

The certificates of appointment are similar in form, Townsend Cox being appointed for Myer Stern's term, ending May 1, 1875; Isaac H. Bailey for Wm. Laimbeer' term, ending May 1, 1879, and Edward L. Donnelly for James Bowen's term, ending May 1, 1877.

MAYOR VANCE'S MOTIVES.

ALL THE APPOINTMENTS APPROVED BY HIS SUC-

· Mayor Vance, in conversation last evening with a TRIBURE reporter, stated that he had sought to make non-partisan appointments, which would benefit the city and stand after he should leave office. His carnest wish was to place in office men of a higher character and greater ability than had usually been called upon to serve in such positions. In making the greeent appointments he had censuited with Mr. Wickham, the Mayor elect, who had assured him that the nominations were acceptable to him. On the reporter's expressing some surprise at this. Mr. Vance showed him the letter of Mr.

Wickham suggesting the appointment of Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Cox. This made no reference whatever to Mr. Bailey, and the reporter called Mr. Vance's attention to that fact. Mr. Vance said that Mr. Wickham had called that fact. Mr. Vance said that Mr. Wickham had called upon him and personally expressed his satisfaction with the nomination of Mr. Bailey, and that the other nomi-nees had come informally to an agreement to elect Mr. Bailey President of the Commission. Mr. Vance stated this very positively. Mr. Wickham could not be found last evening, and it is, therefore, to be inferred that all the appointments are satisfactory to him, and that the new Commissioners will retain office when he becomes Mayor.

POLITICAL CRITICISMS. JOHN KELLY'S EXPLANATION OF THE REPUBLICAN

MOTIVE-DISSATISFACTION IN A STRANGE QUAR-

The Hon. John Kelly was asked last evening what he thought of the removal of the Commis sioners. He replied that he scarcely knew what to think of it. Mayor-elect Wickham had informed him on Wednesday that he had been sent for to consult with Mayor Vance on the subject of the removal of the Commissioners, and had said that if he had a voice in the appointment of the new Commissioners, Edward L. Donnelly would be one of them. Hence the appointment of Mr. Donnelly did not surprise Mr. Kelly. The reason for the change just at this time was the fact that the Republicaus wished to retain a representative in the Commission. He knew little of Mr. Bailey's qua ifications for the place, but had not decined him a strong man. With Townsend Cox he had no acquaintance. He en informed that Mr. Cox was President of the Young Mon's Democratic Association, and that he had endered good service in the cause of reform in 1871. Edward L. Donnelly he had known for several years, and could vouch for him as a worthy man for the place He was wealthy, a gentleman of leisure, and strict integrity, and as he had been for several years an active business man, was well qualified for the position active business man, was well qualified for the position. What the effect of the change would be he could not say. It seemed strange that the Mayor and the Governor should agree to remove the Commissioners at this juncture when both were about to retire. He could only account for it on the theory which he had previously advanced, that the Alministration Republicans wished to have a representative in the Commission, and knowing from the evidence submitted how cerrupt the Commission was, had believed that the incoming Mayor and Governor would remove them. Hence they had decided to "take the bull by the horis"

lence they had decided to "take the bull by the horns' and act promptly.

An excited group of Administration politicians gathered in the halls of the Fath Avenue Hotel tast evening and discussed with remarkable freedom the new appointments. The most prominent figures in this group were Collector of Castoms Chester A. Arthur, and Charles S. Speneer, the rest being gaugers, weighers, and Internal Revenue agents. The opinion was very freely expressed that Mayor Vance had betrayed his countades, with as little consideration as Mayor Haveneyer had done, his metive for such treachery being the prospect of amicable confideration with Mayor Wickham during his term, when Mr. Vance will be again a member of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Donnelly is from the XIIIth District, whonce their own nomine, ex-Assembly man Charles Blaikle, halfs. Mr. Blaikle had been stroughy urged for the place by the XIXth District Remublican Committee. This small group of politicians were unanimous in the belief that Mayor Vance ought to be ruled out of the party, and they frequently expressed the epinion that his ascidness as a member of the party had ended.

Ex-Commissioners Stern, Bowen and Laimbeer were not to be found at their residences early last evening. The last meeting of the old Commissioners as a Board was held yesterday morning, after which Mr. Bowen made his customary tour of the islands, Mr. Laimbeer looked over and suitted some bills, and Mr. Sorn returned to his place of business. The most important business transacted at the meeting was the completion of arrangements for farnishing all the finances of the various nations under their direction with urkey for dibner on Christmas.

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS

Edward L. Donnelly, the newly appointed Commissioner of the Department of Public Charities and Correction, is a retired merchant of large means. He was born in New-York and is about 45 years of age. He has never held a public office, but is an influential member of the Tammany Hall General Committee. He is also a Sachem of the Tammany Society, and is recogmized as a leader and controlling member of organization. He was a candidate for State Prison Iuspector in 1859 on the Democratic ticket. He resides at No. 368 West Twenty-third-st.

Townsend Cox, who takes the place of Myer Stern in the Department of Public Charittes and Correction, is 47 years of age, and is descended from a Quaker fa mily. He was born on Long Island, and is a broker at No. 5 Exchange-place in this city. He was President of the Gold Exchange at one time, and ran for Alderman in 1872, on the ticket of the Committee of Seventy.

Isaac H Barley, the third Commissioner, is an Administration Republican, and was recently defeated for Congress in the XIth District by Col. Benjamin A. Willis,

THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS TURN NEXT THE INVESTIGATION NOT YET CONCLUDED-THE RE-MOVAL OF THE COMMISSIONEES PREDICTED-FAVORITISM TO RELATIVES, ILLEGAL CONTRACTS. AND EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURES THE MAIN

CHARGES. Rumors prevailed yesterday afternoon that Mayor Vance had concluded the investigation into the affairs of the Fire Commissioners and had decided upon their removal. The Mayor stated to a Tribune reported that the matter had not yet been concluded and would not be for some days. The removal of the Commission ers at an early day is anticipated, however, by all familiar with the reports of the Commissioners of Ac ints and the testimony of C. K. Smith and other di charged employés of the Department.

The report of Mr. Howe, the Commissioner of Accounts, who has been investigating the Fire Department records, will be forthcoming before the end of the year. It will contain many serious charges, among which are the following, which Mr. Howe, while refusing to give his report for publication, admits are embraced in it: It was charged months ago by Alderman Reilly, who presented a resolution to the Board of Aldermen, that the expenses of the Fire Department were greatly in excess of those of former years, and that it was due to partiality toward relatives in giving out contracts. partiality toward relatives in giving out contracts. This charge was evidently based upon the following facts: Section 91 of the Charter requires that all work or supplies for departments exceeding in value \$1,000 shall be advertised for, and sealed proposals received for the same. This section the Commissioners are charged with having habitually ignored, notably in the painting work. This work was given to a man familiarly called "Patacy" Eagan, who ionactly kept the liquor saloon on the north-east concarol Houston-4, and Broadway, where "Reddy the Blacksmith" killed James Haggerty, the Philadelphia rudha. Although not a painter, he was given the work, and opened a shop in University-place. This action of the Board caused considerable surprise to outsiders. For a time few could determine the motive that actuated Commissioner Van Cott, who, it was said, precured the work for Eagan. Pointeally he is of little value to Van Cott, as he and his followers reside in another district. It was flually asserted, and not denied, that one of the Commissioner Van Cott said that the to the matter. Commissioner Van Cott said that the fore it was not necessary to accretise the work. This is doubtless true, and a good technical defense as applied to one job; but the total work he has done in this way amounts to many thousands of dollars.

Under the tormer administration the Fire Department was supplied with fire extinguishers in anticatured by a company of this city. After three years' service the present Board caused them to be condemned, and those of a company in Chicago substituted. The only explanation of the change nade is that a brother of President Perley is employed in the New-York office of the favored company. This charge was evidently based upon the following

#### HOME NEWS.

THERMOMETER, YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUTS, IN BROADWAY, 9 s. m. - 38' Nees-40' 3 m. m.-40' Midwgst-30'

PROMINENT ARRIVALA. St. Nicholas Hotel—Senator Henry Cooper of Ten-passes....Clareadon Hotel—Congressman John A. Kassen of Iowa... Brescort House-Congressman Samuel Hooper of Beston, and the Rev. A. G. Mercer of Beston...Fifth Acause Hotel—Congressman H. G. Burchard of Illinois, and Congressman Charles Foster of Ohio... Exercit House-Miss Annie Louise Cary....St. James Hotel—Prof. D. C. Ollman of the University of California....Barnam's Hotel—Gen. S. C. Armstrong of Hampton, Vs.

NEW-YORK CITY. J. A. Johnson will repeat his lecture, "Southern California," at Cooper Union, next Tuesday even-

A memorial is circulating in this city and is numerously signed, asking for the repeal of the Shipping act of 1872. It will be taken to Philadeiphia to-day for more signatures, and will be presented to Congress when it reassembles

The steamship Lessing arrived from Hamburgh yesterday with 15 cabin and 10 steerage passen-gers. The Westphalia from the same port had 38 cabin and 108 steerage passengers; and the Olympia from Gibraltar, brought three cabin and eight steerage pas-

John Diarmid, one of the city assessors of Brooklyn, died suddenly last evening at his residence at No. 124 Kent-st., Greenpoint. The family has been sadly afflieded during the past year. About 12 months ago Mr. Duarmid lost a son by death, and three mosths later a

At the Christmas reception of St. John's School, Trinity Parish, G. B. Hendrickson, Principal, held yestorday, every scholar present received a gift at the hands of the Superintendent, the Rev. William H. Cooke. Prizes in Latin, Greek, French and German were awarded.

The dead body of an unknown man, about 30 years of age, was found under the stoop of No. 313 West Twonty-fifth-st., last evening, by Officer Conners of the Sixteenth Procluct. There were no marks of violence about the body, and he is supposed to have died

Commissioner Van Nort has informed the Police Commissioners that he desires to have their reports as to the condition of street gadights continued. The Commissioner says that by such reports he is enabled to correct the bills of the gas companies and regulate the lighting of the city.

An inquest was held by Coroner Wolfman yesterday in the case of Sarah Wilson, who died at Bellevue Hospital on the 13th inst. from the effect of injuries received by a fail from the thir istory window of her residence in Houstonst, near Moreor. A verglet of accidental death was tongered. Evening School No. 43 held its Christmas

reception on Wednesday evening. The pupils assembled in the main rooms, and, in the presence of their friends and of many gentlemen connected with the schools, car-ried out a prearamine of singing, reclaims and essays which called forth frequent appliance. C. L. Brace, the Secretary of the Children's Aid Society, has requested the Board of E invation to in-

struct their Trumt Agents, under the Compulsory E lu-cation law, to send all Italian children to the schools at No. 93 Crosby-st., or at No. 46 Franklin-st., which are laught by Italian and American touch 18. Bella Decrow of No. 573 Third-ave., emplayed as one of the bailet troupe in the spectacular ex-

notion at Barnum's Hippodrome, was severely injured turing the performance last evening by an explosion of freworks, a part of the entertainment. She was atcaded by Dr. Buttles and seet home: The next lecture in the Cooper Union Free Course for the People will be delivered on Saturday evening, in the Great Hall, by Dr. A. B. Crosbe, Profes-sor of Anatomy in the Bellevine Hospital Medical College, on "The Heart and the Circulation of the Proof," being the first of a sirles of four feetures on physicisty.

The Stock Exchange Governing Committee have voted that hereafter no bonds shall be admitted to the Stock Exchange list unless the same are engraved by a responsible note company. This is to prevent frauds by the forgers, who find the cheap indicarated bonds easier of instation than the more coary and introduc

The male principals of the public schools appeared at the hall of the Board of Education yesterday and handed in the regular yearly return of attendance, preparatory to the computation of the annual report by the Board. The average attendance was about 120,000 papers, and the number of papels across on register is over 200,000.

The Coast Wrecking Company were engaged yesterday in lightening the stranded steamship South 'arolina. As she hes within the bar of Barnegat Shoals her condition is comparatively safe, and it is believed that she will be floated of this morning. A large portion of her cargo arrived here yestering afternoon on the steamship Regulator of the same hae.

Merrick Price, the broker who was alleged in yesterday's TRIBUNE to have been arrested by a police officer on a charge of having forged checks to the amount of \$17,000 on Webbarton Chapte & Co. of No. 65 Broadway and Turner Bros, states that he was made the victim of a force! providen to call stocks, and that he was not arcested for longery at all. An inquiry was made by the firms maned, he adds, and he was fully ex-

There will be interesting services to-day at the St. Vincent's Heme for Boys, at No. 53 Warrenst. The boys will enter the chapel at 4 a. m.; the Sacrament

The Board of Aldermen received yesterday a communication from Mayor Vance, calling their atten-tion to the resolution of the Found of Health declaring unhealthy and unsafe the station-house in the Nincteenth Precinct. The communication was ordered on file, and the Board took a recess till 420 to give the Ser-geant-at-Arms time to bring in the assenties. At that nour the Board net, and adjourned till I p. m. to-mor-row. The Board of Assi-stant Aldermen met, and ad-journed till 4 p. m. to morrow.

An amusing scene occurred at Wall and Nassau-sts, yesterday. A bank messenger in cadcavoring to leap across a pool of slash, shipped and fell, dropping a bag of gold which he was carrying. Two \$5 gold pieces escaped and rolled into the gutter and were hest to sight in the mod. In less than a minute's time, at least a hundred bootblacks, street-sweepers and gamins were scattening for the treasure. Passing and displacing one modier, they stragged to get here hands into the show and drift water. For an hour the search continued, but the money was not found. It was concluded that it had been passed down the cuty-related the swer near at hand, but as the loser did not walt long to see what had become of his property, some skeptical by standers expressed the opinion that the money had not been lost and that the crowd had been haved.

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Postmaster T. L. James has issued a circular containing those sections of the Act of Congress relating to the payment of postage on mail matter of the second lass, also giving the official regulations and instructions of the Department based on those sections; to which he has further added certain suggestions likely to secure a thorough understanding of the details and requirements of the new system, and the prompt dispatch and delivery of publications. He has also issued a schedule of steamers appointed to convey mails to foreign countries during January, 1875, which schedule shows that 26 European mail steamers will leave from this port, 6 from Boston, 6 from Polladelphia, 2 from Battimore, and 5 from Portland, making 43 in all for fanuary. Ten steamers will be dispatched to H. diffax, Nova Scotia, with mails for the Provinces of Nova Scotia, Prince Etward's 1-fand, and Newfoundland—5 starting from Portland, and 5 from Boston. The mails for the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America, will be dispatched by 25 steamers; 19 from New York, 3 from Politatelphia, 2 from Baltimore, and 1 from New Orleans; and the Trans-Paculte mails will be carried by 4 steamships from San Francisco, 2 currying the mails for the Sandwich Islands, Fol Islands, New Zelaland, and Australia, the other 2 concepting the mails for Japan, Australia, the other 1 conveying the mails for Japan, Shanghai, Hong Kong, and the East Indies.

BROOKLYN. Within the past year the city debt has been ncreased \$525,000. Mayor Hunter has decided to submit his

annual message to the Common Council on Monday Capt. Michael O'Keefe has been nominated by the Democrats of the VIIth Assembly District as a successor to the late S. J. Colahan.

An assessment of \$2,309 12 has been ordered to be levied by the Board of City Works for the construction of the sewer in Rochester-ave. James McLaughlin stabbed Edward Dolan

in the head on Wednesday night. The assailant was held yesterday to await the result of Dolan's injuries, which are not serious.

LONG ISLAND.

FLUSHING.-The assessable value of the real and personal estate of Queens County, according to the figures returned to the Board of Supervisors, is as follows: Fiushing-Real, \$4,872,005; personal, \$281,500; total, \$5,153,505. Jamaica-Real, \$2,838,302; personal, \$647.350; total, \$3,485,652. North Hemastead-Real, \$647.350; total, \$3,485,652. North Hemsstead—Real, \$2,207,200; personal, \$810,700; total, \$3,017,900. Ovater Bay—Real, \$3,017,800; per-onal, \$1,022,800: total, \$4,110,600. Long Island City—Real, \$4,316,275; personal, \$190,780; total, \$4,507,033. Hempstead—Real, \$3,239,030: personal, \$423,600; total, \$4,214,355. The asgregate of real and personal \$448,450: total, \$2,214,355. The asgregate of real and personal estate is \$26,142,607. The valuation fixed by the State Assessors is \$28,729,627, leaving a deficiency to be equalized among the several towns of the county of \$2,569,030, as follows: Flushing, \$60,380; Jamsica, \$202,464; North Hempstead. \$253,828; Oyster Bay, \$347,047; Long Island City, \$489,994; Hempstead. \$21,463 Newtown, \$237,224. In Flushing there is a decrease in valuation of \$86,782; in Jamaics, \$60,448; in

Oyster Bay, \$37,500. There is an increase in North Hemp-stead of \$15,885; Long Island City, \$156,531; Hempstead, \$22,006; Newtown, \$63,796, the aggregate increase being \$78,014. The rates of percentage of taxation in the sev-crat towns are as follows: Finshine, 2.29; North Hemp-stead, 1.87; Oyster Bay, 1.99; Januaica, 2.27; Hempstead, 1.90; Long Island City, 2.03; Newtown (thout) 4.40. Long Island City, 2.03; Newtown (thout) 4.40. Long Island City, 2.03; Newtown (thout) 4.40. Wednesday night, still remains at the coffin warerooms of Mr. Huthed on Central-ave. Two theories are and vanced as to the cause of death. One is that it is a case of malpractice, the body and limbs being encased in a box and sunk. The other that it was a subject for dis-section.

STATEN ISLAND. MARINERS' HARBOR.-The dyke and channel improvement now being carried out by Gen. Newton continues to be the absorbing subject of comment here particularly among that portion of the inhabitants cu gaged in oyster-farming. During the past week numer gaged in oyster-farming. Daring the past week almost one meetings of the Committee having the matter in charge have been held, and among the results are petitions to both the State Legislature and Congress, praying for relief. Should the prayer of the petitioners be granted, the result would be the entire loss of the appropriation made for the dyke, and a new appropriation would be necessary to undo the work already done. NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.-George Stewart, age 16, entered Walter's jewelry store, in Newark-ave., yesterda afternoon, and while pretending to purchase a gold ring stole two of them from the case and left two brass once stole two of them from the case and left two brass over in their place. He was subsequently arrested by Detective Clou and locked up... The public schools which were closed last night will reopen Jan. 4... Martin Sullivan and Daniel Murphy, two of the vacuus who were killed by the accident at shaft No. 5 of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway tonnel on Wednesday, were buried yesterday. The funerals of James Carriey and James Burns, the other victims of the same accident, will take place today. Coroner Reinhard will begin an inquest in the case on Monday... scarlet fever is prevalent on the Hights. Seven persons are afflicted in one family in Germania-ave. The attending physicians believe that none will prove fatal. About 30 cases are reported in the city.... In the Highest County Court of Quarter Sessions yestered 17, Judge Hoffman sentenced the following prisoners: Thomas Gerahiy and James Ritche, breaking and entering, County Pententury six months each; Lawrence Morehead, same offense, County Pententury nine months; win. Johnson, their of a watch from florton's jewelry store, State Prison 18 months; Michael Gllooghly, for stabing John Dougan at the Hackensack abattor, County Pententury Inne months; him. Johnson, their of awatch from florton's jewelry store, State Prison. 18 months; three months, a fine of \$100, and costs; George Davis, convicted of assault on Ann Deary of Wechawken, 10 years at hard labor in the State Prison. An unknown man committed smerie by jumping from one of the ferralicate of the Desbrosserset, Ferry on Wednesday might. Efforts were made to resue the drowning man, but without success. The deceased occupied a scat in the lades' cabin until the best reasead the middle of the the stream, and was nothed by some of the passengers, who say that he was one-of in dark clothes, and overceat with cape attached.

NEWARK.—The Board of Trade has resolved to ask the Common Connect to secure the passenger of a law that in their place. He was subsequently arrested by De-

NEWARK.-The Board of Tride has resorved to ask the NEWARK.—The Board of Tride has resoured to ask the Common Council to secure the passagge of a law that will unable them to equilibly assess the cost of repaying Broad and Marketerly, the question now being under consideration by a Sabet ormaities of the Street Committee of the Common Council ... On account of his ill-health the Rey. Father Cody, Pastor of St. James's Roman Catholic Courie, has obtained leave of absence for schort time. Joseph Lendanor who shot himself on Wednesday, an incount of when appeared in vestering. No impress will be hele. ... At the sale of the Newark and South Orange Borse Rulfoud on Wednesday evening, Eugene Keilry, a New Yark banker, purchasen the Iranchise, rights, privileges, &c., of the road for Stone and June St. Roylan the olding stock for

PELLEVILLE -- A disturbance occurred on the Pater the total Plasare. The concautor refused to honor the trust as it was on the man line. Mr. Goorren then of red to pay his face, but the interested conducte thrust him from the true. A Mr. Ediott and Justice and Defective Mahem Higgans processed, when the former was elected and the Literassautted. The conductor was elected and the Literassautted. The conductor was subsequently arrested. Mr. Ediott will such the Company for the "0" dearners, and Mr. Highes he made a complaint or assault and battery against the conductor.

THE SELECTION OF SENATORS A PARTY TEST. to the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Your views on the election of the United States Schators cannot and to meet the approva of all unprefadiced intelligent citizens, and you will much gratity many who have worked with the Demo cratic percy for years to overthrow the Republican thy of the position and of this great State, to cerd Gov. Fenton. It would be well to have it under-stood that the election of Senator does not merely coneern a few self-tyled leaders of the party, whose nan bers are so small that a private patter can held them but is regarded as of vital importance by the wacle per ple of this State, and more especially by the opposition who triumphed at the Fall election.

The people are quest but very observing, and should the "leaders" decide to send an unworthy man, one in whom the people have not entire confidence, to the Ser ate, when the next election comes round it will be found that the leaders have no followers. A significant lesset has just been given to cliques. Will not the magnates of Baptism will be administered at 4:15 a. m.; First Mass will be redebrated at 4:35 a. m.; a sermon will be preached at this Mass, and most of the large boxis will approach Holy Communion; Second Mass, 5:39 a. m.; trans Mass, 5.a. m.; breakfast, 7 a. m.; clouding will be unstributed to the sheaker choldren at 8 a. m.; dimer will take place at 1:39 p. m.; supper at 7:30. peorl) pronounced then a fit candidate for private inc. At one who is a place as opposed Gev. Fenton, I would much rather as mould be reflected tain that M. Kerman should take his place. Wern the Democratic party that it will use it is place. Wern the Democratic party that it will use it is proper have represented.

Acæ Fork, Dec. 23, 1874. ONE OF THE PLOPLE.

AN ESCAPADE FROM THE BROOKLYN JA!L. Another prisoner escaped from the it ymond Street Jan yesterday morning. Owing to in secrecy maintained by the officials of that institution i relation to it, the facts did not develop themselves until late last night, when a TRIBUNE reporter learned from late last night, when a Tribe Sz reporter learned from an official source that about 5 o'clock yesterday morning a nerro named Willis, who a tew days ago had been senterced to impresent our a term of six months in the Peartentiers, and cheered his couple by scaling the wall and fence incomediately clausistic the place where the ratiows series of when criminals are lining there. The prisoner is so well known to the july author, resultat they have below of explaining into within a day or two.

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